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SUBJ: UNGA -- GABONESE POSITIONS ON KOREAN AND ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTIONS

REF: LIBREVILLE 1826

SUMMARY: BONGO HAS ORDERED FONMIN INSTRUCT GOG PERMREP TO VOTE "NO" ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. WE ARE WORKING WITH ROK AMB AND GOF CHARGE TO STIMULATE PROMPT TRANSMISSION OF NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. ROK AMBASSADOR KIM RETURNED LIBREVILLE FROM NEW YORK NOVEMBER 13 WITH SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE OF SHIFTING GOG VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION FROM ABSTENTION IN COMMITTEE TO "NO" IN PLENARY.

2. KIM REACHED BONGO BY PHONE NOVEMBER 14 AND REPORTED TO PRESIDENT THAT GOG PERMREP ESSONGHE WAS STILL UNINSTRUCTED FOR PLENARY VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. BONGO TOLD KIM THAT HE HAD ALREADY ASKED FONMIN OKUMBA TO INSTRUCT ESSONGHE VOTE NEGATIVELY (PRESUMABLY IN WAKE MY APPROACH WEEK EARLIER) AND PROMISED CHECK
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FURTHER WITH FONMIN.

3. KIM WISELY FOLLOWED UP HIMSELF WITH FONMIN, WHO HAD NOT TAKEN NECESSARY ACTION DESPITE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND STATEMENT TO ME REPORTED REFTEL. IN KIM'S PRESENCE, OKUMBA DIRECTED FOREIGN MINISTRY SYG ADANDE TO TRANSMIT INSTRUCTIONS TO NEW YORK. HOWEVER, WHEN KIM SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED ROK MISSION TO UN, HE LEARNED THAT NO INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED BY GOG MISSION BECAUSE THEIR TELEX OUT OF ORDER.

4. KIM, FRENCH CHARGE AND I COLLECTIVELY CORNERED ADANDE THIS MORNING AND URGED HIM USE U.S. OR FRENCH COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES TO TRANSMIT INSTRUCTIONS TO ESSONGHE IF HE IS STILL UNABLE GET THROUGH VIA HIS OWN CHANNELS. ADANDE PROMISED CHECK WITH FONMIN OKUMBA AND LET US KNOW IF OUR ASSISTANCE NEEDED.

5. AS INCIDENTAL NOTE, KIM WAS TOLD BY ESSONGHE THAT HIS ABSTENTION WAS RESULT BOTH OF LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS AND OF NORTH KOREAN LOBBYING, WITH LATTER INCLUDING THREAT TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH GOG IF ESSONGHE VOTED AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

6. COMMENT: CLEAR THAT GOG POSITION AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION REMAINS FIRM AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. AS WITH SO MANY THINGS, PROBLEM LIES IN GETTING INSTRUCTIONS IMPLEMENTED. WE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED TO ESSONGHE IN TIME FOR VOTE. STEIGMAN

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